



River traffic passing under the extended M4 bridge over the Thames at Bray

September 2020 news bulletin

The project is now moving into the final 18 months before completion in Spring 2022.

Work remains to finish off the 12 bridges we are replacing / extending, upgrade the carriageways, and install the technology to create the new smart motorway. We are on track to open the western section (Junctions 8/9 to 12) by Spring 2021, with the east (Junctions 8/9 to 3) to follow a year later.

Our next weekend closures of the M4 are:

- between Junctions 5 and 6 from 18-21 September 2020 for the demolition of the old Riding Court Road bridge.
- between Junctions 7 and 8/9 from 25-28 September 2020 for the demolition of the old Ascot Road bridge.

Commonplace website closing this month

The M4 Commonplace engagement platform will be phased out this month and replaced in due course. The Highways England website has been revamped and you can find continue to find updates and information there: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m4j3to12



Above: The new Marsh Lane bridge near Dorney will reopen this month. *Below:* Cyclists using the new Monkey Island Lane bridge, the first of the new bridges to open.





Above: The new Riding Court Road bridge near Datchet.

Weekend closures

We are continually reviewing our weekend closures planned for 2020 in light of the COVID-19 situation and local authority requirements, and this is the updated list until the mid-November 2020 – watch this space for updates. There will also be a new programme of dates for weekend work in 2021 released later this year.

Junctions 5-6 18-21 September

Junctions 7-8/9 25-28 September

Junctions 5-6 9-12 October

Junctions 7-8/9 23-26 October

Junctions 5-7 30 October-2 November

Junctions 10-11 7-9 November

Junctions 11-12 14-16 November



Find out more

You can find out more about the project by visiting our website at: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m4j3to12. You can keep up to date with live traffic information by following the regional twitter feeds [@highwaysEAST](https://twitter.com/highwaysEAST) and [@highwaysSEAST](https://twitter.com/highwaysSEAST) or by visiting [Traffic England](http://TrafficEngland.com). If you have a question that you would like a response to please continue to email us at: M4J3to12smartmotorways@highwaysengland.co.uk, call 0300 123 5000 or write to: M4 J3-12 Smart Motorway, Highways England, 2 Colmore Square, Birmingham B4 6BN.